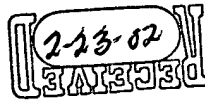


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IN THE CLAIMS

As submitted in Applicants' amendment dated November 29, 2001, please find a clean copy of the amended claims. Additionally, Applicants also enclose a marked up copy of the amended claims for the Examiner's convenience.

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- 2 78. An apparatus as claimed in claim 65, wherein the message capsule is one of a sequence of message capsules carrying overhead messages.

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- 2 81. An apparatus as claimed in claim 65, wherein the signature is generated by hashing the message capsule.

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- 2 88. An apparatus as claimed in claim 65, wherein the signature is generated by assigning a value stored in a counter.

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- 2 91. An apparatus as claimed in claim 65, wherein the message comprises an overhead message indicative of base station parameters in the wireless communication system.

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- 2 93. An apparatus as claimed in claim 65, wherein the message comprises an overhead message indicative of system-wide parameters of the wireless communication system.

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- 2 108. An apparatus as claimed in claim 95, wherein the message capsule is one of a sequence of message capsules carrying overhead messages.

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111. An apparatus as claimed in claim 95, wherein the signature is generated
2 by hashing the message capsule.

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118. An apparatus as claimed in claim 95, wherein the signature is generated
2 by assigning a value stored in a counter.

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121. An apparatus as claimed in claim 95, wherein the message comprises an
2 overhead message indicative of base station parameters in the wireless
communication system.

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123. An apparatus as claimed in claim 95, wherein the message comprises an
2 overhead message indicative of system-wide parameters of the wireless
communication system.